**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT LLC,	§ § §	C.A. No. 2:15-cv-00576 LEAD CONSOLIDATED CASE
Plaintiff,	§ §	**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**
v.	§ §	
AT&T INC., et al.	§ §	**ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED**
Defendants.	§ §	

**NOTICE OF RIPENESS AND REQUEST FOR HEARING REGARDING
APPLE INC.'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND ITS ANSWER TO
PLAINTIFF'S THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Defendant Apple Inc. ("Apple") respectfully submits this Notice of Ripeness and Request

for Hearing Regarding Apple's Motion to Amend Its Answer to Plaintiff's Third Amended

Complaint ("Notice of Ripeness"). Apple filed its motion to amend to add a counterclaim for

breach of contract on November 8, 2016 (ECF No. 297) ("Motion to Amend"). Briefing was

complete with the filing of Plaintiff's Sur-reply on December 16, 2016 (ECF No. 338). All

parties and the Court would benefit from clarity regarding whether leave to amend will be

granted. To the extent the Court believes it would be helpful, Apple renews its request for an

oral hearing on this motion.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 23rd day of January, 2017, a true and correct copy of this document was served on all parties of record via the Court's Electronic Filing System.

/s/ Melissa R. Smith